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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WE SEE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A THREE-WAY SWITCH IN ASSIGNMENTS WHICH WOULD ENABLE US TO PICK UP A FINE YOUNG OFFICER AND PUT OUR BEST CANDIDATE FOR THE KIEV TRAINING SLOT (MY LETTER OF MARCH 21) ON TRACK. OUR CADRE SURVEY ELICITED STRONG RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AMBASSADOR AGGREY AND TOM SIMONS FOR NICK BURAKOW, A POLITICAL OFFICER COMING OUT OF BUCHAREST IN 1979. HE HAS NATIVE RUSSIAN AND WANTS MOSCOW. WE COULD PUT HIM INTO CONSULAR IN PLACE OF TED TENCH, WHO IS PANELLED TO REPLACE PRINGLE IN 1979. TENCH, IN TURN, WOULD BE OUR CHOICE AND FSI'S FOR THE KIEV UNIVERSITY TRAINING SLOT. WE COULD OPEN A SLOT IN SOV/ECON FOR TENCH THIS SUMMER BY LEAVING FRIED IN EB, WHERE THEY ARE FIGHTING TO KEEP HIM. TENCH WOULD THEN GO TO FSI IN JANUARY 1980 FOR TOPPING OFF (SIX MONTHS IS ALL FSI WANTS
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IN VIEW OF HIS ALREADY STRONG RUSSIAN AND HIGH APTITUDE) BEFORE KIEV IN SUMMER 1980. WE COULD PICK UP FRIED IN 1979, EITHER FOR ASSIGNMENT OR SOME COMBINATION OF TRAINING/ (HE TOO HAS A LOT OF RUSSIAN) AND ASSIGNMENT. A BIT COMPLICATED, BUT A WAY TO EXPAND OUR JUNIOR OFFICER ACQUISITIONS AND BEST UTILIZE THEM. COMMENTS, PLEASE.

2. OUR FRIENDS ARE ASKING ABOUT A RESPONSE TO STATE
76477 RE BIOGRAPHICS OFFICER ARLENE FINE'S PROPOSED TDY.

3. EUR/NE DIRECTOR BOB FUNSETH IS SENDING THE AMBASSADOR
A STUDY ON NATO NORTHERN FLANK CONCERNS FOR THE EMBASSY'S
COMMENTS. WE HAVE LOOKED OVER THE PAPER AND IT SEEMS TO
BE A FAIRLY GOOD PIECE. HOWEVER, IT TENDS TO CONCENTRATE
ON SCENARIOS OF SOVIET MILITARY AGGRESSION AGAINST THE
NORDICS, THEREBY DRAWING ATTENTION AWAY FROM MORE
REALISTIC SCENARIOS INVOLVING SOVIET POLITICAL PRESSURES
BEING BROUGHT TO BEAR ON THE NORDICS, ESPECIALLY NORWAY.
IT ALSO DOES NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE POSSIBILITY THAT
CERTAIN RECENT SOVIET ACTIONS, SUCH AS MANEUVERS NEAR
NORWAY'S BORDERS, ARE INTENDED TO BE DEMONSTRATIONS OF
SOVIET VITAL INTEREST AND NOT SIMPLY THREATS DESIGNED TO
INHIBIT NORWEGIAN AND OTHER NORDICS' SECURITY POLICIES.
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